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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD XF
SUBJECT: PROPOSALS TO REMOVE AMERICAN FIRMS FROM BLACKLIST

REF: STATE 090993

1. I USED THE OCCASION OF MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BADRAN APRIL 10 TO RAISE WITH HIM QUESTION REFTEL.

2. HE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT COCA COLA AND PERHAPS OTHER FIRMS HAD APPROACHED KING HUSSEIN DIRECTLY. KING HAD IN THE PAST ASKED HIM TO LOOK WNTO WHAT COULD BE DONE. ANSWER WAS THAT JORDAN WAS BOUND BY BOYCOTT AND BENEFICIAL CHANGES IN LOCAL LAW WOULD BE ENORMOUSLY DIFFICULT IN ORDER TO MAKE A "JORDAN ONLY" EXCEPTION.

3. I RE-ENFORCED WITH BADRAN THE IDEA THAT
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WE WERE TALKING ABOUT AN ARAB LEAGUE ACTION IN WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE JORDANIAN POSITIVE SUPPORT ALONG WITH THAT OF OTHER STATES.

4. BADRAN SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT EGYPT WAS TAKING THE LEAD AND THAT THIS TO SOME EXTENT, AFTER SADAT INITIATIVES, HAD MADE THE

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SUBJECT ONE OF SENSITIVITY AND NEURALGIA FOR THE
OTHER ARAB STATES. SIX MONTHS AGO THE PROJECT
PROBABLY COULD HAVE BEEN GOTTEN THROUGH. NOW
IT WAS TAINTED TO SOME EXTENT WITH SADAT'S HAVING
TAKEN THE LEAD. NONETHELESS, HE WOULD REVIEW
WITH HIS OWN PEOPLE THE SITUATION AND WOULD DO
WHATEVER HE COULD IN A POSITIVE WAY TO SUPPORT
OUR REQUEST. HE WOULD WANT TO CONSULT WITH OTHER
POSSIBLY LIKE-MINDED ARABS ON THIS POINT.

5. COMMENT: I BELIEVE THE PROPOSAL IS PROBABLY IN
DEEPER TROUBLE NOW THAN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
SOME TIME AGO BY THE REASONS BADRAN ADVANCES.
IF THERE ARE POSITIVE RESPONSES FROM OTHER ARABSUJ
I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO FOLLOW UP WITH
BADRAN WITH AN INDICATION OF SUCH AS JORDAN
PRETTY CONSTANTLY MAKES ITS DECISIONS ON SUCH
CASES ON THE BASIS OF THE BALANCE OF ARAB
FORCES FOR AND AGAINST SUCH ISSUES. IF THERE
IS A CHANCE FOR A POSITIVE MAJORITY I THINK WE
COULD GET JORDAN TO JOIN; OTHERWISE THE
SITUATION IS BLEAK.
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